

**Maine Revised Statutes**  
**Title 30-A: MUNICIPALITIES AND COUNTIES**  
**HEADING: PL 1987, c. 737, Pt. A, §2 (new)**  
**Chapter 202: AFFORDABLE HOUSING PARTNERSHIP**  
**HEADING: PL 1989, c. 601, Pt. B, §4 (new)**

**§5048. DUTIES**

The council shall advise the state authority with respect to the implementation of this chapter and the development of affordable housing. The council shall: [ 2005, c. 380, Pt. A, §2 (NEW) . ]

**1. Provide leadership.** Provide leadership in efforts to end homelessness and provide support to the regional homeless councils by ensuring access to senior-level government officials and the Office the Governor;

[ 2005, c. 380, Pt. A, §2 (NEW) . ]

**2. Educate.** Develop and coordinate an education campaign regarding homelessness;

[ 2005, c. 380, Pt. A, §2 (NEW) . ]

**3. Serve as coordinator of information.** Serve as a coordinator of information and communication among state agencies and among the state, municipal and private sectors with respect to this chapter. In carrying out this duty, the council shall:

A. Review proposed legislative changes, system changes and resource recommendations from the regional homeless councils and compile the regional reports into a single statewide report; and [ 2005, c. 380, Pt. A, §2 (NEW) . ]

B. Serve as a liaison with the federal Interagency Council on Homeless and recommend any necessary changes; [ 2005, c. 380, Pt. A, §2 (NEW) . ]

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**4. Assess statewide needs.** With assistance from regional homeless councils, develop estimates of statewide resource needs;

[ 2005, c. 380, Pt. A, §2 (NEW) . ]

**5. Identify potential resources.** Identify new funding opportunities through private and public sources and assist in disseminating this information to regional homeless councils along with available grant opportunities;

[ 2005, c. 380, Pt. A, §2 (NEW) . ]

**6. Assistance to homeless.** In cooperation with the state authority, identify the resources available to and ways to increase access to services to the homeless and persons with special needs, identify the gaps in delivery services to this population and make recommendations concerning the policies and programs serving this population;

[ 2007, c. 600, §3 (AMD) . ]

**7. Review, monitor and implement plans.** On an annual basis, review and comment on plans submitted pursuant to Title 34-B, section 1221 and propose amendments and updates to and implement a plan to end homelessness; and

[ 2007, c. 600, §4 (AMD) .]

**8. Advise departments.** Advise the Department of Corrections and the Department of Health and Human Services on issues related to homelessness and other issues related to the duties of the council.

[ 2007, c. 600, §5 (NEW) .]

#### SECTION HISTORY

2005, c. 380, §A2 (NEW). 2007, c. 600, §§3-5 (AMD).

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